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Dear Bobby,

For some time now I have been thinking of how best to offer public recognition to outstanding Mississippians like you whose lives and careers have been marked by significant achievement; in short, people who have brought tremendous credit on their state through service in a variety of ways.

I believe the launch of my new Mississippi Medal of Service is an appropriate way to let you know how deeply I and your fellow citizens appreciate you, and I am pleased to confirm what I mentioned on the phone the other day – I have selected you and nine of your fellow Mississippians as the first recipients of the Mississippi Medal of Service in the inaugural class of 2009.

I would like to invite you and up to two guests to attend the awards ceremony at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2009, in the Governor's Press Room on the 18th floor of the Sillers

Building, 550 High Street, in Jackson. Afterwards, I am asking that you and your guests please join Marsha and me at a reception in your honor from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Governor's Mansion.

To RSVP, please contact Laura Hipp at 601.576.2020, or lhipp@governor.state.ms.us.

Thank you for what you have done for Mississippi. We look forward to seeing you on March 26.

Sincerely,

Haley Barbour